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1. Africa and Middle East Refugee Assistance

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Africa and Middle East Refugee Assistance (AMERA) was established in 2003 as a charity in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It has played a leading role in the development of legal aid programming for refugees in the Global South, including Cameroon, Egypt, Morocco, Turkey and Uganda.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AMERA aims to increase access to justice for asylum seekers and refugees; provide legal advice for asylum determination, resettlement, family reunification, and other matters relating to the enjoyment of fundamental rights; educate legal professionals in refugee law; and provide web-based resources for refugee legal aid, and refugee information management.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2011, the Refugee Law Project in Uganda expanded its scope of work to lead a coalition of Ugandan NGOs opposing the Ugandan Government's legislation on homosexuality. The Egyptian Foundation for Refugee Rights has taken over AMERA's refugee operations in Egypt since 2012. AMERA is in the process of changing its name to AMERA International.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AMERA works with refugees in relation to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participates in UNHCR's annual NGO Consultations and Executive Committee.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AMERA cooperates extensively with UNHCR: It is instrumental in setting up UNHCR's annual consultations with NGOs; it represents asylum-seekers during UNHCR Refugee Status Determination (RSD); it regularly lobbies UNHCR for improvement in the provision of RSD; and participates in Strategic litigation workshops.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

AMERA has lobbied against the exclusion of refugees from the MDGs.

2. Africa Youths International Development Foundation

Special, 2011

Introduction

Africa Youths International Development Foundation (AFYIDEF) is an international (exclusively youth) NGO based in Nigeria with a widespread membership network in Africa. The Foundation supports the work of the United Nations, the World Programme of Action for Youth and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's purpose is to make important contributions to the socio-economic development of millions of youth in Africa. In particular, it aims to liaise with international bodies in carrying humanitarian services in times of outbreak of diseases, war, natural disasters and emergency situations; assist in the organization of rural youth fora on skill acquisition, arts and culture and self empowerment; and act as good ambassadors of Africa by promoting continental integration and harmonious co-existence of diverse communities in African society.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AFYIDEF participates regularly in the local network meetings of the United Nations Global Compact in Nigeria. It also contributes to the work of the United Nations through the following projects: Youth Employment/Income Generation Scheme and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) Youth Peace Ambassador Project.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AFYIDEF participated in the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum held in Geneva, Switzerland, 17-25 May 2011. AYIDEF also attended UNESCO's Youth Peace Ambassadors International Training Programme in Bangkok, Thailand, on 25 May 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AFYIDEF has a Special Observer Status with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and is part of Global Compact. It also collaborates with UNESCO and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), among others.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has implemented a project called "Safe Them Young Initiative" since 2011. In 2012, AFYIDEF organized the African Youths Leadership Summit on youth empowerment initiatives and capacity development. The 2013 Summit focused on cultural diplomacy and capacity development, 11 June, 2013.

The 2014 Summit was organized in collaboration with the African Center for Innovation and Leadership Development and the Office of the Special Assistant to the President on Youth and Student Matters on "Fostering Innovation and Leadership in the African Academy", 10 June 2014.

3. Armenian Assembly of America

Special, 1999

Introduction

The Armenian Assembly of America (AAA) is a non-governmental, non-partisan, non-profit national membership organization headquartered in Washington, DC, United States of America, with offices in Los Angeles and New York, United States, and Yerevan, Armenia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The AAA seeks to provide opportunities for the participation of Armenian-Americans in the American democratic process; conduct research, education and advocacy for the universal affirmation of the Armenian Genocide; support the strengthening of the United States-Armenia relations, based on a shared vision for democracy, rule of law, open markets, regional security and unfettered commerce; promote civil society initiatives in Armenia, encouraging free-market oriented, sustainable and responsible development; and work with other non-partisan advocacy entities and individuals in pursuit of shared goals.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The AAA is collaborating with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Armenia Office to provide names of qualified Armenian psychotherapists from the Diaspora who are interested in working with UNHCR to help Syrian-Armenians adapt to their current situation. Through its American and international members, the Assembly conducts activities in terms of advocacy, community activism and education in the fields of peace and security, development, human rights, as well as fight against the denial of genocide and other crimes against humanity.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the monthly meetings of the United Nations Psychology Coalition.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The AAA has cooperated with Armenia's Permanent Mission to the United Nations and has supported the initiatives of numerous Armenian organizations that are affiliated with United Nations structures.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Assembly works in support of the following MDGs:

- MDG 1: it was a forceful advocate for the Millennium Challenge Compact between Armenia and the United States that focused on reducing poverty and increasing agricultural productivity in Armenia;
- MDG 3, through its past partnership with the League of Women Voters;
- MDG 4 and 7, through the creation of a coalition titled "Clean Community Coalition" to protect the environment in the Vayots Dzor and Syunik regions, Armenia, and promote healthcare and health improvement through research, garbage cleaning systems, awareness raising and advocacy;
- MDG 7, through the Assembly's sister organization, the Armenian Tree Project, which was founded by the Assembly's Board of Trustees President; and
- MDG 8, through its work in Washington, DC with the United States Congress and Administration to provide assistance to landlocked Armenia. The Assembly regularly testifies before Congress on this matter.

4. Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development (India)

Special, 1999

Introduction

The Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development India (CESDI) is national NGO for action, study and research on the environment and sustainable development. It was established in 1993 by a group of environment and development activists, inspired by the response to the Earth Summit held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CESDI serves as a resource centre on environment and sustainable development. It envisions "an alternative model of development, which is economically, socially, politically, environmentally and culturally sustainable, which provides basic needs for all, upholding the values such as equality, justice and integrity of creation".

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CESDI was actively involved in assessing the progress of MDGs and providing feedback at various levels. It is actively involved with the United Nations at multiple levels, as described below.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated and made presentations in most of the following meetings:

- "The Road to Rio 2012: Charting Our Path": Major Groups and Stakeholders Asia Pacific Meeting, 17-18 October 2011, Seoul, South Korea;
- Asia Pacific Civil Society Regional Consultation Meeting (RCM) organized by United Nations Environment Programme's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (UNEP ROAP), 22-23 November 2012, Kathmandu, Nepal;
- The Asian and Pacific Regional Implementation Meeting on Rio+20 Outcomes, 22-24 April 2013;
- Asia-Pacific Major Groups and Stakeholders Regional Consultation Meeting, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 17-18 September 2013; and
- Regional Consultation on Accountability for the Post-2015 Development Agenda, during the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific's (ESCAP) 7th Commission Session, 5-6 August 2014, Bangkok, Thailand.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CESDI actively cooperates with various United Nations bodies especially with ESCAP, UNEP, and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). CESDI is also part of the United Nations NGO Major Group.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CESDI focuses mainly on MDG 7. The organization has partnered since 2006 with the Ministry of Environment and Forests of India on the National Environmental Awareness Campaign, which is the flagship campaign of the Ministry. CESDI was also involved in the discussions on the SDGs, especially on Goal 12 on sustainable consumption and production.

5. Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America

Special, 2007

Introduction

Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) is a substance abuse prevention organization, representing over 5,000 community-based coalitions in the United States of America and 22 countries, working to create safe, healthy and drug-free communities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CADCA works to reduce illicit drug use globally through the establishment of multi-sector antidrug community coalitions by offering training, technical assistance and other resources on how to build effective community coalitions to national and local governments, non-government organizations (NGOs) and community groups in numerous countries affected by the cultivation, trafficking and use of illicit drugs.

Significant changes in the organization

CADCA has significantly expanded its geographic scope of operations since it received consultative status in 2007. CADCA is currently actively working in 19 countries, on five continents including North America, Latin America, Africa, Central Asia, South-East Asia and Europe.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CADCA participated in the workgroup that developed the International Standards on Drug Use Prevention to be published in 2015. It provided training and technical assistance to communities outside of the United States. It sponsored, at the request of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the participation of youth leaders to participate in a youth leadership initiative at the 57th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CADCA has participated in the meetings of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs held annually in March at the United Nations in Vienna, Austria. In 2014, CADCA spoke at a round table discussion during the High-level Segment of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. CADCA also participated in meetings sponsored by the Vienna NGO Committee.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CADCA has collaborated UNODC. In particular, it presented the community coalition model to UNODC and demonstrated how a local community coalition can help to reduce drug abuse and its related problems.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CADCA's activities are merely focused on the development of community coalitions designed to reduce illicit drug use and interrelated problems.

6. Community Social Welfare Foundation

Special, 1999

Introduction

Community Social Welfare Foundation (CSWF) is a NGO founded in Nigeria to assist rural communities in the improvement of their socio-economic well-being.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CSWF aims to reverse the phenomenon of rural-urban drift and propagate the idea that the unexploited wealth and peace of rural communities is healthier than the affluence and, sometimes, frustration of urban communities. The organization seeks to reduce rural poverty levels; find legitimate alternatives for survival in the face of failures and disasters; and reduce incidences of illiteracy and preventable diseases.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization was actively involved locally in several campaigns initiated by the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in local meetings organized by United Nations agencies.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Community Social Welfare Foundation has been very active in working towards the realisation of the MDGs in Nigeria. Under MDG 1, it organised cooperative societies to increase access to funds and commodities. Under MDG 2, it set up adult universal primary education centres; and renovated dilapidated structures in primary schools. Under MDG 5, it sponsored nurses and health workers to rural areas on maternal health-care programmes. For MDG 7, it raised funds for provision of water bore-holes; and organized voluntary sanitation groups for periodic exercises.

7. Compassion Africa Aged Foundation

Special, 2011

Introduction

Compassion Africa Aged Foundation (CAAF) is a NGO based in Ghana.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to contribute to the welfare of older people in the society; advocate for older people; provide HIV/AIDS education and support people living with HIV/AIDS; and embark on Malaria education and sensitisation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In line with the objective of realising the rights of vulnerable and marginalized older people and the United Nations International Day of Older Persons, the organization embarks on different activities on 1 October each year to raise awareness on older people's rights in Ghana. The organization has also worked to empower older people in Ghana to enable them to be advocates in their

communities, speak up for their rights, and negotiate and resolve conflicts in their communities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has embarked on educative programmes in the area of human rights and poverty. It is also trying to acquire a land to build a building for the vulnerable older people who are homeless.

8. Fundación Ecología y Desarrollo

Special, 2011

Introduction

Fundación Ecología y Desarrollo (ECODES) is an international organization founded in Spain in 1992 with a particular focus on the Spanish and Portuguese speaking world (Spain, Portugal and Latin America). It has nearly 25 years of experience in implementing cooperation and development projects in the Latin American region.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ECODES aims to promote sustainable development projects and corporate social responsibility (CSR) in Spain and Latin America. The organization develops research initiatives on sustainability and social responsibility, including reports, briefs, articles, studies and best-practice manuals on environmental and social issues. It also designs, develops and manages innovative demonstration projects to show how changes in actions and behaviour (consumption patterns, investments, resource utilisation) can lead to significant environmental and social change. Our collaborative and integrated approach seeks the involvement of all sectors of society — governments, businesses, and civil society — to achieve positive social, economic and environmental change.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ECODES has cooperated closely in the past few years with the United Nations Office to Support the International Decade for Action 'Water for Life' 2005-2015. Located in the same city as ECODES' main office and sharing a special interest in issues related to water as a basic human right, ECODES has participated and collaborated in several events, conferences and initiatives developed, promoted and managed by this United Nations sponsored body.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The following projects managed by ECODES support the MDGs:

- Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) is an international initiative for which ECODES is responsible for analysing the climate change impact of the largest publically traded companies in Spain and producing a summary report;
- CeroCO2 is an initiative designed to encourage and offer practical tools to individuals, businesses, NGOs, and government agencies to mitigate their impact on global climate change;
- CSR analysis of businesses: ECODES conducts CSR and environmental, social and governance (ESG) analysis of the largest publically traded companies in Spain, Portugal, Brazil and Mexico; and
- Alianza por el Agua (Water Alliance) is a joint initiative that includes over 270 NGOs, governmental agencies, and businesses in Spain and Latin America with two main goals, which are to educate individuals and businesses in Spain about rational water usage and raise funds for water projects in Central America.

9. International Black Women for Wages for Housework

Special, 1999

Introduction

The International Black Women for Wages for Housework (IBWWFH) was founded in 1971 by Margaret Prescod and Wilmette Brown in New York, United States of America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization was created as part of the nationwide movement to campaign for wages for housework from the government for all women.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has focused on implementing United Nations decisions on measuring and valuing unwaged work and anti-poverty and income support policies,

particularly for mothers of colour. IBWWFH has also circulated research about women's work.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IBWWFH attended the United Nations General Assembly in New York, September 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with United Nations bodies through the following activities:

- It organised workshops for delegate report-backs on the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) 100th session in 2011, which adopted the Domestic Workers Convention (No. 189);
- It worked with families of people in solitary confinement in United States of America prisons, highlighting United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture's opposition to long-term solitary as a violation of the Declaration of Human Rights, 2013;
- It contributed evidence for the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Sexual Violence, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and
- It enabled women asylum seekers to speak about their experiences fleeing violence, claiming asylum, and in detention at the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict, London, June 2014.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization led the following activities towards the MDGs:

- It helped coordinate annual International Women's Day events in India, Peru, United Kingdom and United States to highlight the poverty and burden of waged labourers and unwaged caregivers of mothers across race;
- It called for resources to keep families out of poverty and the child welfare system, United Kingdom, United States;
- It worked for the implementation of ILO Convention 189 with Sindicato de Trabajadoras y Trabajadores del Hogar (SINTTRAHOL), a domestic workers' organization in Peru;
- It co-launched an international petition for a living wage for mothers and other carers in 2014;
- It helped run and staff women's centres in London, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and San Francisco, United States, as a base for women's self-help services and campaigning; and
- In the United States, it exposed the disproportionate number of women of colour in prison and the impact on their families.

10. International Foundation for Electoral Systems

Special, 2011

Introduction

The International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) is a non-profit, non-partisan, democracy development organization that supports citizens' rights to participate in free and fair elections. Since 1987, IFES has worked in over 145 countries — from developing democracies to mature democracies.

Aims and purposes of the organization

As a global leader in democracy promotion, IFES advances good governance and democratic rights by providing technical assistance to election officials; empowering the underrepresented to participate in the political process; and applying field-based research to improve the electoral cycle.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The IFES actively works to support a number of international treaties that identify political participation as a human right. For example, IFES' Disability Rights team works to implement Article 29 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) worldwide, and its Gender team utilizes the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) as a basis for its focus on gender equality and women's empowerment throughout its work.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IFES has participated in all Annual Conferences of States Parties to the CRPD held in New York: it has also served as a panellist in 2011 and co-organized side-events in 2014. In addition, IFES attended the High-level Meeting on Disability and Development in New York, September 2013. In October 2013, IFES observed the 8th United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Youth Forum in Paris, France.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, IFES received funding from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to implement programmes in Guinea and Mali. IFES also coordinated electoral technical assistance to local partners with United Nations Electoral Assistance Division (UNEAD) and/or UNDP in Afghanistan and Haiti. IFES has collaborated extensively with UNDP in Guatemala, Haiti, and Honduras to conduct post-election evaluations, workshops, and/or voter and civic education. Along with five other partners, IFES and UNDP maintain the ACE Electoral Knowledge Network, an online clearinghouse of election-related resources and materials. IFES and UNDP are also partner organizations for the Building Resources in Democracy, Governance and Elections (BRIDGE) professional development programme.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Through its gender equality and women's empowerment work, IFES has facilitated progress on MDG 3, most notably through Indicator 12, "Proportion of seats held by women in national parliament." Through its programming, IFES teams work to build the leadership and political capacity of women worldwide and assist local partners in the implementation of electoral laws that promote the involvement of women as political leaders.

11. International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

General, 1995

Introduction

International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) is a multi-nation, non-governmental, autonomous research institution that brings scientists from the developed and developing world together to conduct applied systems analysis research on environmental, economic, technological and social issues in the context of global change.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IIASA's goal is to provide policy and decision makers throughout the world an opportunity to consider decisions that are informed by rigorous scientific analysis.

Significant changes in the organization

Geographical membership increased to include Nations Member Organizations (NMOs) from Australia, Indonesia, Mexico and Vietnam.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IIASA contributed to shaping the goals and objectives of the United Nations Secretary-General's Initiative on Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All), including on energy access and energy efficiency. Collaborating with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), IIASA contributed to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)'s Fifth Assessment Report. IIASA also contributes directly to the work of several United Nations bodies by providing them with tools and models that inform their work. For example, land-use planning tools have helped the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) better inform agricultural yield potentials globally.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Together with United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), IIASA co-organized the 2011 and 2013 Vienna Energy Forums. It participated in the following meetings, among many others:

- 34th Session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), Bonn, Germany;
- 17th, 18th and 19th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC),

Durban, South Africa, 2011; Doha, Qatar, 2012; and Warsaw, Poland, 2013; and

- The meetings of the Expert Group on Mitigation of the UNFCC.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IIASA is actively involved in the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (Leadership Council) and is a co-organizer of the TWI2050 initiative that gathers leading scientific groups to analyse ways to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In the process leading to the SDGs, IIASA has been active in the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) leading up to the Rio+20 review.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IIASA contributes to the MDGs through its collaborative and independent research. For instance, its work on energy access contributes to poverty eradication and its work on education, fertility and human capital development contributes to the goals related to universal education and gender equality.

12. International Organization of Employers

General, 1947

Introduction

Created in 1920, the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) is an organization working internationally to represent the interests of business in the labour and social policy fields. Today, its membership consists of 152 national employer organizations worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the IOE is to promote and defend the interests of employers in international fora, particularly in the International Labour Organization (ILO). To this end, it works to ensure that international labour and social policies promote the viability of enterprises and create an environment favourable to enterprise development and job creation. Recent areas of focus have been youth employment, informality and international labour standards, among others.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The IOE contributes to the work of the United Nations — and in particular the ILO — in its role as Secretariat of the Employers' Group at the ILO International Labour Conference, the ILO Governing Body and all other ILO-related meetings. Through its network of national employer organizations, it has also supported United Nations development programmes in a wide range of countries.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The following are examples of the types of participation undertaken by the organization: it participates in the work of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and World Health Organization (WHO), among others. The IOE has been asked by the Governments in the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) to coordinate the business dialogue with the GFMD. The IOE is working with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) on International Ethical Recruitment Practices.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The breadth of the IOE's engagement with United Nations bodies is very wide. Some examples are listed below: The IOE is an Advisory Board member of the United Nations Global Compact. It also led the business engagement in the work of the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights. The IOE is the lead business contact point in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) project on improving access to remedy and has engaged in numerous OHCHR conferences on the issue of business and human rights.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The IOE followed closely the work of the many United Nations groups involved in the discussions on the post-2015 development agenda. The IOE was engaged in influencing this work via the United Nations Global Compact and the Global Business Alliance (GBA). IOE also contributed to the Post-2015 Dialogue on Implementation led by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

13. Inuit Circumpolar Council

Special, 1983

Introduction

The Inuit Circumpolar Council is an international Indigenous Peoples' organization representing approximately 160,000 Inuit living in the Arctic regions of Alaska, United States of America, Canada, Greenland and Chukotka, Russia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main goals of the organization are to strengthen unity among Inuit of the Circumpolar region; promote Inuit rights and interests internationally; ensure and further develop Inuit culture and society; increase Inuit's participation in the political, economic, and social development on their homelands; develop and encourage long-term policies which safeguard the Arctic environment; and work for international recognition of the human rights of all Indigenous Peoples.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization works to promote and protect the rights of Indigenous Peoples worldwide. It played an active role in the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the creation of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples Issues (UNPFII). The organization also actively participated in the preparation of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and its negotiated outcome document, 22-23 September 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th Session of the UNPFII, New York, 16-27 May 2011; 7-18 May 2012; 20-31 May 2013; 12-23 May 2014;
- 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Session of the United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Geneva, Switzerland; and
- Other relevant meetings within the United nations system, such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization works directly with the United Nations system, in particular through the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples' Issues.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Inuit Circumpolar Council has actively participated in the post-2015 development agenda, in particular though the Indigenous Peoples Major Group.

14. Mandat International

Special, 2003

Introduction

Mandat International is an organization based in Geneva, Switzerland working to promote international cooperation, particularly within the United Nations framework.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Mandat International seeks to promote dialogue and international cooperation; host, publicize and facilitate participation in international conferences; and to support and financially accommodate delegates from developing countries.

Significant changes in the organization

Mandat International has been accredited as an international organization with the Telecommunication Standardization Sector of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU-T).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Mandat International has developed several on-line briefing sites for delegates taking part in international conferences and an international law search engine. In coordination with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, it has organized several information bureaux for the Human Rights Council. It has also provided training and support for Syrian women refugees in Turkey with the help of the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Mandat International has taken part in several sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, and in the World Summit on the Information Society. It also participated in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) "Green Standards Weeks".

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Mandat International has maintained cooperative ties with UNDEF, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the ITU.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has conducted research projects and submitted reports on information technologies for sustainable development. Within the ITU framework, it has contributed to the development of the 'Smart Sustainable Cities Key Performance Indicators'.

15. Social Development International

Special, 2011

Introduction

Social Development International (SODEIT) is a social development and relief organization based in Cameroon, which works for the practical realisation of sustainable social development initiatives by protecting the vulnerable and at-risk population and their communities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to promote social and economic transformation in poor communities; support the active involvement of most vulnerable populations in the development process; bring stakeholders together to design, install and operate replicable rural and peri-urban socio-economic projects and programmes; hold governments and institutions accountable for fulfilling the commitments made towards protecting and promoting the poor and most vulnerable population; and guide policies and investment towards poverty reduction.

Significant changes in the organization

SODEIT opened a branch in the United States of America named Social Development International Cooperation, which is responsible for mobilizing

resources for its work in Cameroon. A new constitution was crafted to handle the North American Branch of the organization.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

SODEIT's activities during the reporting period related to the following areas, among others: girls and teenage mothers' empowerment, children education support, women in financial education and entrepreneurship, youth's empowerment, public health, and agriculture and environmental education.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

SODEIT attended the United Nations information sharing platforms in Buea and Yaoundé, Cameroon, 2011-2014. It participated in the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women's (UN Women) fora on violence against women in Buea. It contributed to online fora on the development of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and evaluation of the MDGs.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

SODEIT signed a letter of commitment to the United Nations Global Compact in 2011. It has been an active member of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) Chair on Education for Sustainable Development. It is also a member of Stop TB Partnership and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

As part of its Girls and teenage mothers' empowerment programme, it empowered 700 girls and women to be active citizens and raise voices to make girls' empowerment a priority within the SDGs. It also provided psychological support to rural children to be responsible citizens, as part of its Children education support.